

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the Examiner's office action mailed March 14, 2005. A number of clarifications have been made in the pending claims by this amendment. Additionally, submitted herewith, is a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement calling additional prior art documents to the attention of the Examiner. Consideration and citation thereof in connection with this application are requested.

Detectors which embody the present invention can respond to receive radiant energy signals, for example, a handheld or remote control unit. Received command signals can direct the respective detector to audibly output one or more selected parameters, status indicators or the like as required by the user and in the absence of an alarm condition.

The user can also remotely specify a detector installation location, which can then be stored at the detector. The stored location can subsequently be audibly presented during an alarm condition.

In another aspect of the invention, detectors can be interconnected with an interconnect cable. A consumer using a remote control unit can request voice feedback as to the status or other information pertaining to displaced interconnected detectors.

Morris, U.S. Patent 6,323,780, is completely silent as to structures of a type defined by currently pending claims 1-9. Morris provides only the switch configuration, see Fig. 8 thereof, to specify location. This is quite unlike the claim structures.

In rejecting pending claims 10-12, it does not appear that the Examiner has considered the requirements set forth therein as follows:

"circuitry for receiving signals from the sensors and for ascertaining the presence of at least one predetermined alarm condition and for storing parametric information pertaining to status of at least one of a sensor, a battery condition and circuit condition" (pending claims 10-12).

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In rejecting claims 10-12, the Examiner merely stated: "the control circuitry is met by the low power processor (30, column 5, lines 47-57)" (page 2 of office action).

However, the above is not consistent with the requirements for an anticipation rejection. Anticipation rejections require that the prior art document include and disclose each limitation as claimed. Such is not the case relative to the above quoted limitation from claims 10-12 which as not been addressed by the Examiner in the office action.

Amended claims 13, 14 and 16 are also allowable and not anticipated by the Morris prior-art document. Morris is completely silent as to structures of the type claimed, namely: "a signal line, coupled to the control circuitry, for conveying a user induced verbal output initiating signal thereto from a displaced location." (pending claims 13, 14, 16).

For at least the above reasons the pending claims are allowable. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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